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Mr. Jeffrey R. Vonk  
Director  
Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Henry A. Wallace Building  
502 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Vonk:

Re: Approval of an Iowa TMDL

This letter responds to the submission from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) originally received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on Region 7 December 19, 2005, for a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) document which contains a TMDL for turbidity. Williamson Pond was identified on the 1998 Iowa §303(d) list as impaired. This submission fulfills the Clean Water Act statutory requirement to develop TMDLs for impairments listed on a state's §303(d) list. The specific impairment (water body segment and pollutant) is:

Water Body Name	WBID	TMDL pollutant
Williamson Pond	IA 04-LDM-01995-L	Turbidity

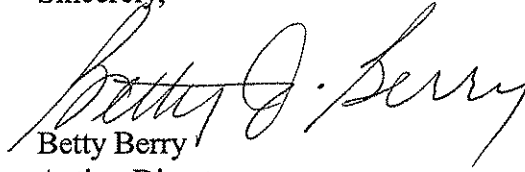
EPA has completed its review of the TMDL with supporting documentation and information. By this letter, EPA approves the submitted TMDL. Enclosed with this letter are the Region 7 TMDL Decision Documents which summarize the rationale for EPA's approval of the TMDL. EPA believes the separate elements of the TMDL described in the enclosed form adequately address the pollutant of concern, taking into consideration seasonal variation and a margin of safety.

EPA is currently in consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding this TMDL. While EPA is approving this TMDL at the present time, EPA may decide that changes to the TMDL is warranted based upon the results of the consultation when it is completed.

We appreciate the thoughtful effort that IDNR has put into this TMDL. We will continue to cooperate with and assist, as appropriate, in future efforts by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to develop remaining TMDLs.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact John Reyna, of my staff, at (913)551-7021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Betty J. Berry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Betty" and last name "Berry" clearly distinguishable.

Betty Berry  
Acting Director  
Water, Wetlands, and Pesticides Division

Enclosure

cc: Allen Bonini  
IDNR

Richard Nelson  
USFWS